under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Amendments

In the Claims:

Please substitute the following claim 2 for the pending claim 2:

(Twice amended) An isolated biologically active peptide consisting essentially of the formula:

- (a) X_{01} ValSerGlulleGlnLeuMetHisAsnLeuGlyLysHisLeuAsnSerMet GluArgValGluTrpLeuArgLysLysLeuGlnAspValHisAsnPhe (SEQ ID NO:1);
- (b) fragments thereof containing amino acids 1-29, 1-30, 1-31, 1-32, or 1-33;
- (c) pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof; or
- (d) N- or C- derivatives thereof;

wherein:

X₀₁ is desamino Ser, desamino Ala or desamino Gly, provided that said peptide is not desamino-SerValSerGluIleGlnLeuMetHisAsnLeuGlyLysHisLeuAsnSerMetGluArgVal GluTrp LeuArgLysLysLeuGlnAspValHisAsnPhe (SEQ ID NO:8) or a fragment thereof containing amino acids 1-31.